

CARR-1570

Old Westminster Pike Bridge 7
Sandymount

c. 1800-1899

Summary:

Bridge 7 on the Old Westminster Pike is typical of the small stone bridges built on turnpikes in the nineteenth century in Carroll County to cross small streams and gullies that only periodically carry rainwater runoff. The earliest bridges were of wood, but they required constant maintenance and periodic replacement, so most turnpike companies systematically switched to masonry structures such as this. Its survival is indicative of the success of this switch. The date of construction for this bridge is not known, and its traditional design is almost impossible to narrow down to a fifty year range, but it is likely that the bridge was constructed in the last half of the nineteenth century. Despite the success of the stone bridges, the turnpikes did not survive, being taken over by the State of Maryland in the 1910's.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1570

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Westminster Pike Bridge 7

2. Location

street & number Old Westminster Pike near Armacost Avenue ☐ not for publication

city, town Sandymount ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name County Commissioners of Carroll County

street & number 225 N. Center Street telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bridge 7 on the Old Westminster Pike is located about .1 mile north of Armacost Avenue. It is a rubble stone structure that is parged and scored to resemble ashlar. The north abutment is 2' wide by 29' 4" long, and stands 1' 7" above the present road. It is 4' 7 1/2" above the ground on the north side. There is a three-sided rubble stone well built around the north opening, with an iron grate on top of the well. The well is several feet deep and the top of the wall reaches midway up on the arch of the opening under the bridge. The south abutment is 2' wide by 27' 5" long, and is 2' 2" high above the roadbed. On the south side the abutment stands 9' 9" high above a concrete drainage ditch. The semi-circular arched opening is 4' in diameter and 4' high. Some of the stone voussoirs are loose and need repointing, as there is little or no mortar left. The abutments are spaced 37' 9" apart, interior measurements.

Contributing resources: 1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographical Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Transportation

Resource Types:

Bridge

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property N/AQuadrangle name WestminsterQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

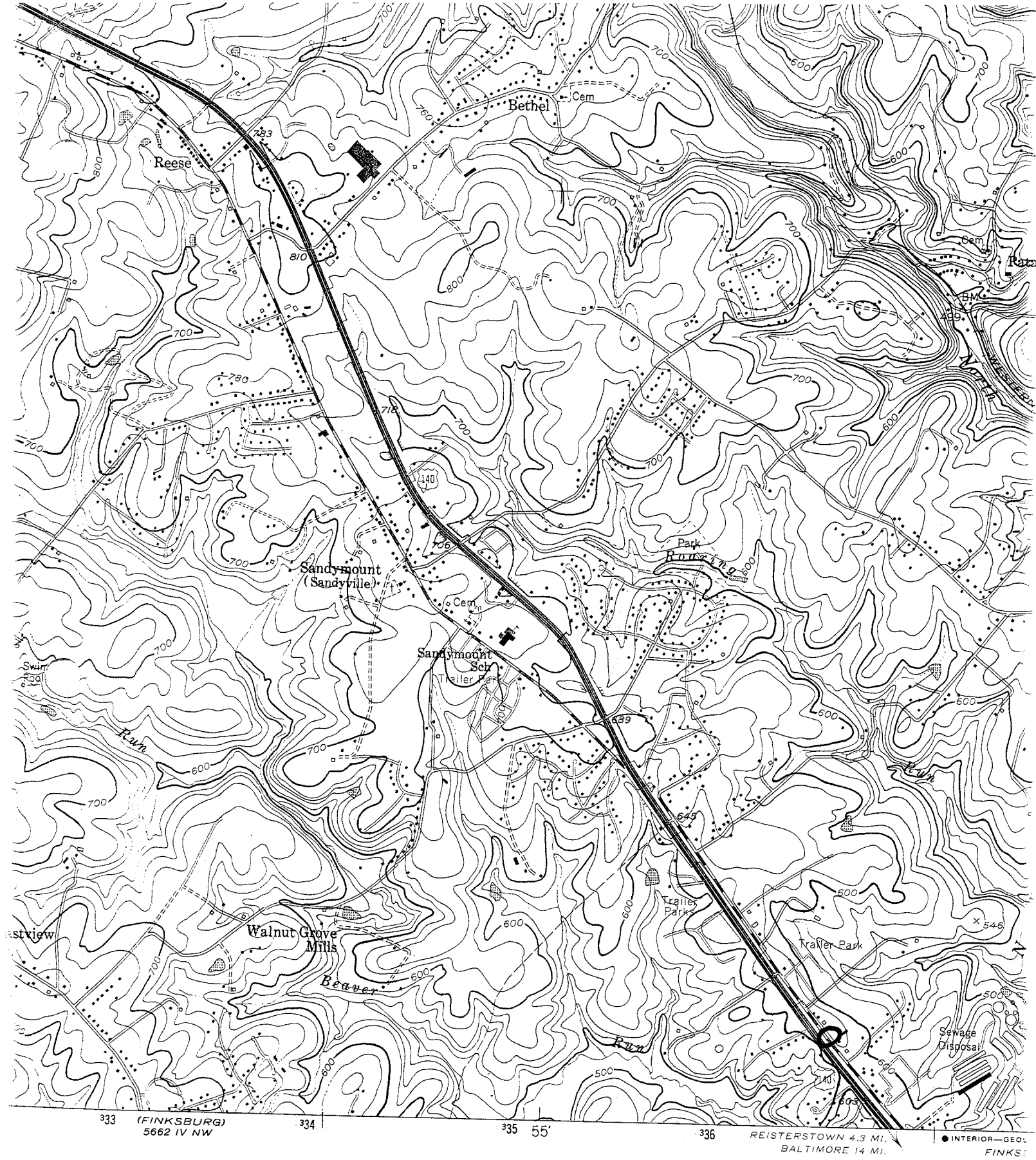
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Old Westminster Pike near Armacost Ave

Quad: Sandymount WESTMINSTER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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Old Westminster Pike Bridge 7

NR. Armacost Ave

Carnell County Maryland

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Date: December 1997.

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